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SUBJECT: SWEDISH COMMENTS ON US POLICY TOWARD PORTUGAL

1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN MET AUGUST 12 WITH PIERRE SCHORI, SWEDISH PRIME MINISTER PALME'S FOREIGN POLICY ADVISOR. SCHORI, WHO IS VISITING US ON A CU LEADER GRANT, TOLD HARTMAN THAT THE SWEDES AND OTHER WESTERN EUROPEANS WERE INTENSELY INTERESTED IN PORTUGUESE POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS, WERE ATTEMPTING -- THROUGH THEIR RESPECTIVE SOCIALIST PARTIES -- TO AID THE PORTUGUESE SOCIALISTS, BUT THAT THEY HAD THE STRONG IMPRESSION THAT THE US REALLY HAD NO POLICY AT ALL TOWARD PORTUGAL OTHER THAN WATCHING AND WAITING. HARTMAN TOOK VIGOROUS EXCEPTION TO SCHORI'S REMARKS, NOTING THAT WHILE THE EUROPEANS WERE DOING A LOT OF "CONSIDERING" OF A BILATERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO THE GOP, THE US WAS THE FIRST TO ACTUALLY TRANSLATE ITS INTEN-
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TIONS INTO A FORMAL PROGRAM OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE.

2. HARTMAN EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER, THAT THE GONCALVES GOVERNMENT AS NOW CONSTITUTED WAS NOT AMENABLE TO WESTERN INTE-

RESTS AND THE US WOULD NOT TAKE ANY ACTION OR EVEN APPEAR TO BE TAKING ANY ACTION WHICH MIGHT BE INTERPRETED AS SUPPORT FOR GONCALVES' NARROWLY-BASED LEFTIST GOVERNMENT.

SCHORI SAID THAT SWEDISH POLICY WAS IDENTICAL TO OURS ON THIS POINT. HE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF ASSISTING THE MODERATES IN PORTUGAL, PARTICULARLY THE PORTUGUESE SOCIALISTS. PALME, HE SAID, WAS CONVINCED THAT THE WESTERN EUROPEAN SOCIALISTS SHOULD PROCEED VERY CAREFULLY IN IMPLEMENTING THE RECENT STOCKHOLM AGREEMENT RE AID TO MARIO SOARES, BUT SOME EUROPEANS (NOTABLY THE DANES) WERE PRESSING HARD FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION. SWEDEN HAD NO TROUBLE WITH THE IDEA, ONLY WITH THE TIMING. KISSINGER

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